

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Faculty-level Exchange Programmes

FAQs

Q1. Who is eligible to apply for exchange?

A: Non-final year full time HKU undergraduate students.

Q2. I am a Year 1 student and I don't have my CGPA now. Can I apply for exchange programme?

A: Yes, you can. We will refer to your CGPA after the announcement of the 1st semester results.

Q3. What is the difference between Faculty-level exchange and HKUWW exchange from IAO?

A: More partner institutions are available for selection under HKUWW. However, it is more competitive than Faculty-level exchange. You can apply for both Faculty-level and HKUWW exchange programmes. However, if you are shortlisted, only one offer would be made to you. After you get the offer, the remaining processes are similar.

Q4. Is there any funding support to join the exchange programmes?

A. Yes, the International Affairs Office (IAO) will assign students with an appropriate scholarship according to their financial needs and academic standing once their application to the host institution becomes successful. For details, please check [here](#).

Q5. Can I apply for credit transfer after the exchange?

A: No, you are required to apply for credit transfer prior to your exchange. No retrospective application will be considered. Please stay tuned for the notification email announcing the commencement of the OES application period.

Q6. Does exchange programme itself suffice for GC requirements?

A: You need to undertake 12 credits of advanced courses (course level determined by HKU, not the host institution) from an exchange programme in order to fulfil GC requirements.

Q7. Are 12 credits of advanced courses equivalent to 2 courses at host institution?

A: Not necessarily, you are required to refer to the Credit Conversion for Outgoing Exchange Students [here](#).

Q8. Who should I approach to obtain the approval for my courses?

A: The approval unit is the course offering department. For courses fulfilling GC, the approval unit is also the course offering department, not your home department.

Q9. What course information do I need to submit to obtain Faculty approval?

A: Detailed course information including course title, number of contact hours, number of credits, course objectives, learning outcomes and assessment methods are usually required. This information must be available in English.

Q10. Do I need approval to drop course(s)?

A: You are NOT required to seek approval and delete any processed application(s) on the OES system.

Q11. Will the courses approved for credit transfer affect my GPAs and Honors Classification?

A: The assessment results of the courses will NOT be included in the calculation of GPA and Honors Classification, but the course titles and credits will be recorded in the HKU official transcript.

Q12. I am going to shorten the period of exchange studies, or withdraw from the exchange studies, what immediate actions I need to take?

A: You are required to notify the organizer of the exchange programme (i.e. IAO) and the Faculty Office as soon as possible.

Q13. Since I am studying overseas, do I need to check the HKU email account?

A: You should check your HKU email account regularly. All email correspondences between the Faculty and students shall be conducted via HKU email account.

Q14. When / How can I know the result of credit transfer?

A: The Faculty Office will notify you via email. The date of releasing the final result is subject to the receipt date of the official transcript from the host institution. Please allow at least 2 months for processing after your exchange studies. On the other hand, you may also submit a true copy of the transcript to the Faculty Office for processing.

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